

## **Fishery Objectives and Priorities**

- Fishery Objectives (Refer to USFWS handout)
  - Improve riverine habitat conditions for salmonid upstream migration, spawning, and egg incubation in the fall and winter, and rearing and downstream migration in the winter and spring.
  - Improve Delta habitat conditions, reduce incidental take and increase survival of outmigrating juvenile salmonids from the Sacramento basin, and protect adult delta smelt and splittail migrating upstream to spawning areas.
  - Improve Delta habitat conditions, reduce incidental take and increase survival of outmigrating juvenile salmonids from the San Joaquin tributaries and protect estuarine species (such as juvenile delta smelt) and implement the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP) consistent with the San Joaquin River Agreement.
  - Improve Delta habitat conditions, reduce incidental take and decrease losses of juvenile delta smelt, splittail and salmonids.
- Proposed Actions (Refer to USFWS handout)
  - Additional water to augment upstream river flow and improve habitat October through September.
  - Delta export pumping reductions in December and January to protect juvenile salmonids and adult delta smelt and splittail.
  - Delta export pumping reductions in February and March to protect juvenile salmonids and adult delta smelt and splittail.
  - Delta export pumping reductions in April and May to protect juvenile salmonids and juvenile delta smelt and splittail and implement VAMP.
  - Delta export pumping reductions and/or ramping in June to protect juvenile delta smelt and splittail and juvenile salmonids.